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SUBJECT: TERRITORIAL ISSUE SNAGS SALMON PACT, TOO

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1. USSR AGREEMENT ON 62,000 TON JAPANESE SALMON QUOTA SLATED TO BE INITIALED APRIL 25 CAME UNDONE AT LAST MOMENT WHEN SOVIETS INSISTED THAT FISHING ZONE BE DESCRIBED AS INCLUDING DISPUTED NORTHERN TERRITORIES. ACCORDING TO FONOFF FIRST EAST EUROPEAN DIV DEPDIR AOKI, JAPANESE NEGOTIATORS WILL TRY FOR FEW MORE DAYS TO PERSUADE SOVIETS, BUT ARE NOT HOPEFUL OF AGREEMENT IN TIME FOR JAPANESE FISHERMEN TO START OPERATIONS BY APRIL 30, TRADITIONAL OPENING FOR SALMON AND TROUT FISHING IN NORTHERN WATERS.

2. FISHERIES AGENCY COUNSELOR SAITO TOLD FISHATT THAT HE NOW SAW LITTLE CHANCE OF BREAKTHROUGH ON HIGHSEAS SALMON ISSUE UNTIL MAIN QUESTION, CONDITIONS OF AJAPANESE ACCESS TO 200-MILE ZONE, SETTLED.

3. AOIKI TOLD US JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SHIGEMITSU HAS BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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RECALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS AND WILL RETURN TO MOSCOW EARLY MAY WHEN AGMIN SUZUKI SCHEDULED TO RESUME MAIN TALKS WITH SOVS. SUZUKI WILL GO TO MOSCOW ARMED WITH JAPAN'S OWN 200-MILE LEGISLATION, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO PASS LOWER HOUSE TO FIET APRIL 26 AND UPPER HOUSE TWO DAYS LATER. MEDIA SAYS SUZUKI WILL AIM AT WINNING SOVIET ASSENT TO TREATING WATERS AROUND DISPUTED ISLANDS AS

"JOINT SEA AREA" UNDER COMMON MANAGEMENT.
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